



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Navy Day

WHEREAS, October 13, 2012 is the 237th birthday of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, during the Civil War, the government transferred the faculty and student body of the United States Naval Academy from Annapolis to Newport as a measure to avoid capture by the confederates; and


WHEREAS, Rhode Island, as the Ocean State, has a strong maritime history and has been a home for the United States Navy officially since 1869 with the establishment of an experimental torpedo station at Goat Island; and

WHEREAS, Naval Station Newport, the Navy's Center of Excellence for Officer and Senior Enlisted Training and Education, is located in Newport County; and


WHEREAS, members of the Active Duty military, Veterans, Retirees, civilian employees and family members contribute significantly to the high quality of life we all enjoy here in the Ocean State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2012 as Navy Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.




A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 26th day of September, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor